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Mr. R. M. Monti, Construction Manager
World Trade Department
The Port of New York Authority
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Dear Mr. Monti:

In buildings now under construction, such as the World Trade Center, in which air will circulate within spaces previously sprayed with asbestos fireproofing materials, and in which it is no longer feasible to install enclosed sheet metal ducts, substitute measures should be used to minimize or prevent contamination of the building's air by asbestos dusts.

Studies by our Laboratory indicate that the procedure most likely to accomplish this would be to apply a fireproofing sealant to all mineral fiber sprayed surfaces. This should be accompanied by careful clean-up of the floors and other nonfireproofed surfaces, so that asbestos containing debris not be a source for air contamination.

This pair of precautions would constitute the most effective method now known to remedy this difficulty.

Parenthetically, as an environmental scientist, I appreciate the forthright willingness of the Port of New York Authority to undertake such environmental control measures as have been found necessary because of the sprayed insulation problem.

Sincerely yours,

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